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Delinking of SBM-G from MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether funding under SwachhBharat Mission (Gramin) has been delinkedfrom Mahatma Gandhi National RuralEmployment Guarantee Scheme(MGNREGS);

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of toilets constructedunder MGNREGS during 2014-15 and2015-16;

(d) whether delinking of MGNREGSfrom Swachh Bharat Mission wouldadversely affect achievements of theMission besides affecting employmentopportunities; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the stepstaken by the Union Government toimprove the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR MINISTRY OF DRINKING WATER & SANITATION
(SHRI RAMESH CHANDAPPA JIGAJINAGI)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Prior to the launch of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) (SBM-G) on 2nd October, 2014, under the earlier Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan, there was part funding for toilets from MGNREGS. This linkage resulted in administrative inefficiencies, funding mismatch and poor coordination between the two implementing Departments at the grassroot level, impacting the progress in construction of toilets, and also leading, at times, to half-built structures. Therefore, with the launch of SBM(G), this linkage was removed and enhanced incentive provided under SBM(G) itself. Separately, however, toilets can also be built under MGNREGS, as per the guidelines of that scheme.

(c) 13,12,286 and 6,51,854 household toilets were constructedunder MGNREGS during 2014-15 and2015-16.

(d) No, Madam. As mentioned above, the delinking has not affected the achievement. Rather, after delinking, the programme has picked up tremendously. Under Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin), 58,54,987 and1,27,41,367household toilets were constructed during 2014-15 and2015-16.

(e) Does not arise.